IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BUCKLEY LLP 1250 24th Street NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20037 Tel: (202) 349-8000

Civil Action No.

Plaintiff,

v.

TRUSTIFY INC. 8805 Winthrop Drive Alexandria, VA 22308

Respondent.

PETITION TO CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD

Petitioner Buckley LLP ("Buckley" or "Petitioner"), pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 9, files this Petition to Confirm Arbitration Award against Trustify Inc. ("Trustify") and in support, respectfully avers as follows:

PARTIES

- 1. Buckley is a limited liability partnership formed under the laws of the District of Columbia with its main headquarters located at 1250 24th Street, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20037.
 - 2. Trustify Inc. is a Delaware corporation headquartered in Virginia.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, in that the parties are residents of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.
- 4. Venue lies in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a)(2), as a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred here.

5. Moreover, Buckley and Trustify are parties to a November 22, 2017 Terms of Engagement agreement, which specifies Washington, D.C. as the venue for all legal disputes.

ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

- 6. On November 22, 2017, Buckley and Trustify entered into a Terms of Engagement agreement (the "Agreement") under which Buckley agreed to provide legal services to Trustify and Trustify agreed to pay the fees and costs associated with those services. A copy of the Agreement is attached as Exhibit A. On or about April 9, 2018, the parties agreed to the State Attorneys' General Proposal (the "Proposal") under which Buckley agreed to provide additional legal services to Trustify at an agreed upon rate. Under its terms, the Proposal served as a rider to the Agreement.
- 7. The terms of the Agreement required Trustify, among other things, to pay Buckley's bills for legal services "on receipt without regard to consummation of a transaction, or outcome of any matter."
 - 8. The Agreement contained an arbitration provision which stated, in part:
 - Each of You agree that any dispute with the Firm regarding any aspect of the attorney-client relationship, and any claim arising out of or relating to this Engagement, including, without limitation, attorney's fees and costs charged under this Engagement, and any claims for breach of contract, professional negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, misrepresentation or fraud, shall be resolved by confidential, binding arbitration in accordance with the "Arbitration Procedures" section below, upon a written request for arbitration made by any of You or the Firm and delivered to the other.
- 9. Moreover, under the Agreement, the company "acknowledge[d] that this agreement to arbitrate results in a waiver of [Trustify's] respective right to have the dispute resolved in a court and by means of a jury trial for any fee dispute and/or malpractice claim." The Agreement stated that any arbitration would be conducted by the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures and that the exclusive venue of any arbitration would be Washington, D.C.
- 10. Buckley capably, competently, and fully performed the legal services requested by Trustify and the Trustify benefited from Buckley Sandler's legal representation, advice, and other

services. Buckley submitted monthly invoices to Trustify detailing the work it performed, the rate for that work, and the total amounts due.

- 11. Trustify, however, refused to pay \$243,445.42 in legal fees and costs owed to Buckley for the services it provided, despite repeated promises to do so.
- 12. On January 16, 2019, Buckley filed a demand for arbitration with JAMS. The Honorable James Robertson (Ret.) was appointed arbitrator. A copy the JAMS appointment is attached as Exhibit B.
- 13. On April 4, 2019, the arbitrator held a telephonic hearing in Washington, D.C., and received documentary evidence on the dispute.
- 14. Despite having received notice, Trustify did not submit any evidence in advance of the arbitration hearing or attend the proceedings.
- 15. Having considered the evidence, the arbitrator entered an arbitration award, dated April 12, 2019 (the "Award"), and which was received on April 15, 2019, awarding damages to Buckley in the amount of \$245,945.42 which represents Petitioner's damages and arbitration costs. A copy of the Award is attached as Exhibit C.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Buckley respectfully requests that, pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 9, Petitioner have judgment for relief as follows:

- A. that this Court enter judgment confirming the Award in the amount of \$245,945.42;
- B. that Petitioner be awarded post-judgment interest under District of Columbia law as of the date of the Award;
- C. that Petitioner be allowed the costs and its attorneys' fees in bringing this proceeding;
 - D. For such other, further or general relief as the Court deems proper.

Dated: April 17, 2019 BUCKLEY LLP

By: /s/ Andrew R. Louis

Andrew R. Louis (D.C. Bar No. 476722) Mehul N. Madia (D.C. Bar No. 988279)

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Attorneys for Petitioner

EXHIBIT A LODGED UNDER SEAL

EXHIBIT B



APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATOR

NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES

February 1, 2019

Re: Buckley Sandler LLP / Trustify Inc.

Reference #: 1410008037

Dear Parties:

Hon. James Robertson (Ret.) has been appointed as Arbitrator in the above-referenced matter. In accordance with the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures no party may have *ex-parte* communications with the Arbitrator. Any necessary communication with the Arbitrator must be initiated through the case manager.

The Arbitrator will bill in accordance with the enclosed Fee Schedule. Each party will be assessed a pro rata share of all fees and expenses, unless JAMS is notified otherwise by the Arbitrator or parties. JAMS will also administer the case consistent with JAMS Cancelation/Continuance policy. Any party who cancels or continues a hearing after the deadline will be responsible for 100% of the professional fees unless we can fill the reserved but unused time with another matter.

Under appropriate circumstances, the Arbitrator may award against any party JAMS' fees and expenses. JAMS agreement to render services is not only with the parties, but extends to the attorney or other representative of the parties in the arbitration.

The parties have been billed a preliminary retainer to cover the expense of all pre-hearing work, such as reading, drafting of orders, and conference calls. Enclosed is an invoice for this retainer. Upon receipt of payment, a Preliminary Arbitration Management Conference Call will be scheduled with the Arbitrator.

Contact me at 202-942-9180 or EHolland@jamsadr.com if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Erika G. Holland Case Manager

EHolland@jamsadr.com

Enclosure

EXHIBIT C

JAMS

BUCKLEY LLP,

Claimant,

- against -

TRUSTIFY INC.,

Respondent.

JAMS Case No: 1410008037

AWARD

Parties and Counsel

Claimant Buckley LLP ("Buckley") is a law firm established as a limited liability partnership with its headquarters in Washington, D.C. Respondent Trustify Inc. ("Trustify") is a corporation with its headquarters in Virginia. Trustify's Chief Executive Officer is Daniel Boice.

Arbitration agreement and rules, and applicable law

This arbitration is mandated by the Agreement to Arbitrate section of the November 22, 2017 Terms of Engagement agreement (the "Agreement") between Buckley and Trustify, and by the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules and Procedures, effective July 1, 2014. The applicable substantive law is the law of the District of Columbia.

Summary of claims and responses

Buckley's central allegation is that Trustify failed to comply with the terms of the Agreement and pay fees and costs for professional legal services it provided. Buckley's demand for arbitration asserted causes of action for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and accounts stated, and sought compensatory damages.

Respondent did not respond to the arbitration demand, participate in the arbitration process, pay its portion of the fees associated with the arbitration, or attend the arbitration hearing.

Procedural history

Buckley filed its arbitration demand on January 16, 2019. Despite receiving notice of the demand by overnight mail and email to Mr. Boice, Trustify did not respond. The undersigned arbitrator was appointed February 1, 2019. Respondent did not pay the initial retainer fee for

fees and costs associated with the arbitration. On February 25, 2019, Claimant mailed a check to JAMS for \$2,500 which constituted an advance payment on Respondent's fees to JAMS and the fees of the Arbitrator. The arbitration hearing was scheduled for April 4, 2019. On March 18, 2019, upon a showing that Respondent had been duly served with an arbitration demand and had been unresponsive thereto, I approved Claimant's request under JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rule 22(j) for the hearing to be conducted telephonically, and for testimonial evidence to be submitted by affidavit. On March 28, 2019, Claimant submitted affidavit testimony and a letter brief outlining its claims and evidence. The hearing took place on April 4, 2019, and I received and considered the affidavit testimony of Douglas Gansler and Christopher Witeck.

Opinion

This case involves a simple breach of contract. Under District of Columbia law, to establish a claim for breach of contract, a party must show "(1) a valid contract between the parties; (2) an obligation or duty arising out of the contract; (3) a breach of that duty; and (4) damages caused by breach." *Tsintolas Realty Co. v. Mendez*, 984 A.2d 181, 187 (D.C. 2009). The affidavits of Mr. Gansler and Mr. Witek and documents attached thereto establish that Trustify entered into a valid and enforceable agreement with Buckley under which Buckley agreed to provide legal services to Trustify and Trustify agreed to pay the fees and costs associated with those services. The November 22, 2017 Agreement, which was executed between the parties, and the State Attorneys General Proposal which served as an addendum to the Agreement, provided, among other things, an explanation of the scope of the legal services to be provided, the fees and costs associated with those services, Buckley's billing practices, and the dispute resolution process. Moreover, it outlined Trustify's responsibilities under the Agreement, including the requirement that Respondent pay for the legal services Claimant provided.

Claimant provided legal services to Respondent, assisting the company with several regulatory and corporate transactional matters. Pursuant to the Agreement, Claimant submitted monthly invoices to Trustify detailing the work it performed, the rate for that work, and the total amount due. Trustify did not object to the legal services Buckley provided nor to the invoices it submitted. But Trustify did not pay Buckley's outstanding invoices, despite repeated promises that Claimant's invoices were approved and would be paid. In total, \$243,445.42 in fees and costs remain unpaid.

Claimant has established by a preponderance of the evidence that the parties had a valid agreement under which Trustify was to pay for the legal services Buckley provided, that Buckley provided those legal services, and that Trustify breached that agreement by refusing to pay Buckley for those legal services. Due to the breach, Claimant has suffered damages in the amount of \$243,445.42.

Award

Claimant is awarded its unpaid fees and costs plus \$2500, its portion of JAMS fees and the fees of the Arbitrator, which Claimant advanced on February 25, 2019. (JAMS

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Comprehensive Arbitration Rule 31(c). The total award is \$245,945.42. Each party will bear its own attorney's fees. Any and all claims not resolved by this Award are dismissed.

Dated: April 12, 2019

James Robertson

Arbitrator

PROOF OF SERVICE BY EMAIL & U.S. MAIL

Re: Buckley Sandler LLP / Trustify, Inc. Reference No. 1410008037

I, Erika Holland, not a party to the within action, hereby declare that on April 15, 2019, I served the attached Final Award (duplicate original) on the parties in the within action by Email and by depositing true copies thereof enclosed in sealed envelopes with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States Mail, at Washington, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, addressed as follows:

Benjamin B. Klubes Esq. Mr. Mehul N. Madia Andrew R Louis esq Buckley Sandler LLP 1250 24th St. NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20037 Phone: 202-349-8000 bklubes@buckleyfirm.com mmadia@buckleyfirm.com alouis@buckleyfirm.com

> Parties Represented: Buckley Sandler LLP

Mr. Daniel Boice Trustify, Inc. 8805 Winthrop Drive Alexandria, VA 22308 Phone: 877-854-3376 danny@trustifysecure.co Parties Represented: Trustify, Inc.

I declare under penalty of perjury the foregoing to be true and correct. Executed at Washington, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA on April 15, 2019.

Erika Holland

EHolland@jamsadr.com

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ORDER GRANTING PETITION TO	CONFIRM ARBITRATION AWARD
Upon consideration of Petitioner Buckle	ey LLP's Petition to Confirm Arbitration Award
regarding the April 12, 2019 JAMS Arbitration A	Award Case No. 1410008037, it is on this
day of, 2019:	
ORDERED that Petitioner Buckley Ll	LP's Petition to Confirm Arbitration Award is
GRANTED;	
FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk s	shall enter judgment against Respondent Trustify
Inc. for \$245,945.42, together with interest at the	e legal rate permitted under District of Columbia
law from the date of the JAMS Arbitration Awa	ard, and the costs and attorneys' fees incurred in
bringing this action;	
	U.S. District Court Judge

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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER) Andrew R. Louis Buckley LLP 1250 24th St. NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20037			TTORNEYS (IF KNO	WN)				
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VII. REQUESTED IN CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 DEMAND \$ 245945.42 JURY DEMAND: Check YES only if demanded in complaint YES NO X					
VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY	(See instruction) YES	NO X If yes, p.	lease complete related case form		
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The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and services of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently, a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. Listed below are tips for completing the civil cover sheet. These tips coincide with the Roman Numerals on the cover sheet.

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- IV. CASE ASSIGNMENT AND NATURE OF SUIT: The assignment of a judge to your case will depend on the category you select that best represents the <u>primary</u> cause of action found in your complaint. You may select only <u>one</u> category. You <u>must</u> also select <u>one</u> corresponding nature of suit found under the category of the case.
- VI. CAUSE OF ACTION: Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of the primary cause.
- VIII. RELATED CASE(S), IF ANY: If you indicated that there is a related case, you must complete a related case form, which may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

Because of the need for accurate and complete information, you should ensure the accuracy of the information provided prior to signing the form.

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Plaintiff(s) V. Trustify Inc. 8805 Winthrop Drive Alexandria, VA 22308 Defendant(s))) Civil Action No.))))))				
SUMMONS IN	A CIVIL ACTION				
To: (Defendant's name and address) Trustify Inc. c/o Daniel Boice Chief Executive Officer 8805 Winthrop Drive Alexandria, VA 22308					
A lawsuit has been filed against you.					
Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:					
Andrew R. Louis Buckley LLP 1250 24th St. NW, Suite 70 Washington, DC 20037 (202) 349-8000	00				
If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.					
	ANGELA D. CAESAR, CLERK OF COURT				
Date:	Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk				

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